(a) are the present staff in the Water Works at Mattancheri, Trichur, Nemmara, etc., eligible for privilege leave and other concessions;

(b) is there any special reason for not extending to them the same privileges as are given to the Barge staff?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Water Works staff at Mattancheri and Trichur being temporary are not eligible for privilege leave under the rules while the staff at Nemmara and Aiylur being permanent are eligible for it. As regards the other concessions referred to by the Member, it is not understood what exactly are the concessions meant by him.

(b) The Barge staff are allowed privilege leave as a special case having regard to the arduous nature of their work.

Male Hospital—Mattancheri.

394. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Male Hospital now under construction in Mattancheri would be thrown open to the public by the end of 1111?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. The main building under construction will be completed only by December 1936.

Pipe water supply to Government buildings in Ernakulam.

395. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what amount can be charged against Government buildings for pipe water supply if calculations are made on the basis of supply to private houses;

(2) are not Government buildings in Municipal areas in British India subject to house tax and water tax?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Government buildings are not assessed for rental value and therefore it is not possible to calculate the charges on the basis of supply to private houses.

(2) Government have no information.

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